

**MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**Parish Rooms, Tettenhall**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**at 6.30 pm**

**APOLOGIES**

John Green.

There were 11 residents in attendance.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**REGISTRATION**

The delayed meeting between the Steering Group and the 6 ward councillors has now been re-booked for 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 4 months after the cancellation of the original meeting. Robin Hacking (RH) gave some background information on the purpose and work of the Tettenhall District Community Trust for the benefit of a few residents who were attending for the first time.

**PETITION**

Following a low key approach to John Charles (JC) supported by Cllr Sohail Khan RH had received a response from JC dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 confirming that *"consideration of the next steps is ongoing and we will consider suggestions put forward through the petition as part of this work."* There has been no further communication from the council regarding the petition which was submitted in April 2024. The continuing delays and lack of response to the petition which was signed by 1300 residents is now of major concern to residents who are strongly of the opinion that they are well overdue a response to their petition.

**PLANNING**

Planning Applications in General

Neal Kelshaw (NK) and RH had a meeting with Ian Culley (IC) and a senior officer from the Planning Department to explore the possibility of an informal back channel being established with the Planning Department to discuss general issues of importance which were being given visibility to the residents in their communication with the council over individual events and planning applications. The officers agreed to consider our suggestion but pointed out that any team leader in the planning department would be happy to receive comments and information regarding general planning issues that affected more than one application. RH and NK drew attention to a range of general planning concerns, eg lack of enforcement, lack of response when residents notified Planning of unauthorised work, status of the many Conservation Areas in Tettenhall which had been established over many years in some cases and the need for a proactive approach in response to proposals for developments of listed buildings. NK identified the particular issue of window styles in Lower Green where a resident had forced through approval for inappropriate windows against the Neighbourhood Plan guidelines and had then successfully appealed a rejection of a further non-compliant window on the grounds that it needed to match the 2 other non-compliant windows. This demonstrates a total lack of concern for the current Neighbourhood Plan and is an illustration of the totally inappropriate escalation to the central Planning Department to force through another non-

compliant window. The planning system in the round should have ensured that all 3 windows were compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan.

NK expressed his view on the inadequacy of the budget review and reminded people they could comment up to and including 16<sup>th</sup> January. He had replied to the review in a different vein rather than commenting on the council's announced priorities. He had raised suggestions about other priorities namely improving oversight of council activities, the need for wider and more effective consultation and particular requirements of the district regarding protection of heritage assets and funding for the arts and culture.

#### Chill Wine Bar

Local residents had identified further violations of the licence conditions at Chill Wine Bar over the Christmas period. One of these had resulted in fighting in the street and the police being called. The licence hearing took place on the day after the Forum meeting and we can report in the minutes that the licence has been withdrawn. A full explanation of the decision is available on the council website.

#### Community Building

The Forum has been seeking the availability of a suitable building to promote the 910AD Battles project and to be available as a resource for local art groups. NK informed the meeting that he had a meeting with the Majestic to discuss use of their currently unused basement. 2 new members who were very active with the Heritage Transport Museum shared their experiences with the Transport Museum and the meeting agreed that there was an opportunity for there to be closer links with the Transport Museum and opportunities for joint promotions to raise awareness around the wider city area.

### **FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

Steve Robinson (SR) reported on the Friends of St Michael and All Angels activity following the latest working party activities and discussion of the work plan for the following day took place. Considerable progress has been made in clearing up the churchyard and a large number of additional bulbs have been planted. The possibility of a Heritage Walk to include the churchyard and to showcase the improvements made was discussed. Following the working party of 16<sup>th</sup> January the next one is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **SMESTOW VALLEY NATURE RESERVE**

Residents are implacable in their objections to the council's proposals for the Smestow Valley Nature Reserve and the council's inconsiderate implementation work. A large number of local community groups and individuals have objected to the unnecessarily large number of motor cycle inhibitor gates being installed and the council appears to be pressing on with this ill conceived installation in spite of widespread community objections and a petition signed by 50 locals. The 3 Wightwick councillors have secured a meeting with John Roseblade to further discuss residents' concerns. This meeting is scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and it is hoped that the Forum will have a full account of the achievements from that meeting at the next meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **STEERING GROUP UPDATE**

NK explained that there was a Stakeholder meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January to progress the operatic recital of Æthelflæd, The Battle of 910AD planned for 21<sup>st</sup> February at Tettenhall Towers, Tettenhall College. Tickets for the event are now on sale and can be obtained via TDCT.ORG.UK <https://910adoperarecital.tdcic.org.uk>



### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Matt Caffrey asked for representation to be made regarding gritting around St Michael's churchyard and registered that another funeral had caused disruption to the area around Lower Green. Other residents have also expressed general concern about largescale funerals and the impact on local residents when proper parking arrangements and supervision are not provided the funeral directors.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1955 hours.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Our next scheduled meeting is on **29<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at 1830 in the Parish Rooms.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FORUM MEETINGS

29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Parish Rooms, Tettenhall WV6 8QF - 18.30 start

## FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

Meets on the third Friday of each month. Scheduled dates are 20<sup>th</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Interested parties can sign up on <https://www.facebook.com/TettenhallTrustPage>.

## ÆTHELFLÆD – THE BATTLE OF 910AD OPERA

A recital is scheduled for 1900 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at Tettenhall Towers, Tettenhall College WV6 8QX. For more information and to book tickets see [910AD.TDCiC.ORG.UK](http://910AD.TDCiC.ORG.UK)

## SMESTOW VALLEY NATURE WALKS

Every Thursday - Ramblers Wellbeing Walk. Meet at Windmill Community Church, Henwood Road, WV6 8PG at 10.00 for 10.15 start.

## LOCAL POLICING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Chatter & Natter – Oxley

1400 – 15.30, Tue 03 February

Oasis Cafe, Whitburn Close, Tettenhall

### Oxley - Love Your Community Meeting

1800 - 2000, Tue 03 February

Rakegate Methodist Church Renton Grove

[Tettenhall, Penn, Merry Hill and Oxley | Police.uk](https://www.tettenhall-penn-merry-hill-and-oxley-police.uk)

Here are links to the issues which were discussed during the Love Your Community meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Smestow Valley Nature Reserve Target Hardening. There are no links as such to share, but this was discussed at length. If you have concerns please contact the Tettenhall Ward Councillors. The conversation did include information about how the police and partner agencies are dealing with off-road bikes. <https://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0>

#### Dealing with Off Road Bikes

[Off-Road Vehicle Nuisance | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

[Neighbourhood and traffic officers team up to combat off-road bikers | West Midlands Police](#)

[Wolverhampton parents urged to think twice about e-scooters gifts - BBC News](#)

[Think twice before gifting off road vehicles or e-scooters | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

#### Police Contact Details and Forthcoming Meetings

[Tettenhall, Penn, Merry Hill and Oxley | Police.uk](#)

[Tettenhall, Penn & Merry Hill Police \(@TettenhallWMP\) / X](#)

#### Report Potholes

[Report a pothole | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

#### Waste Collection and Recycling

[Recycling and Waste | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

[Book a Tip Visit | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#) – This was raised following a question about taking a trailer or larger vehicle

#### City Centre Public Space Protection Order Consultation

[Have say on plans for new city Public Spaces Protection Order | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

[City Centre Public Space Protection Order - City of Wolverhampton Council - Citizen Space](#)

## Bentley Bridge Public Space Protection Order Consultation

[People invited to have say about Bentley Bridge 'PSPO' plan | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

[Bentley Bridge Retail and Leisure Park Public Space Protection Order - City of Wolverhampton Council - Citizen Space](#)

## School Parking Concerns

[School run safety boost as patrols stepped up and second hi-tech enforcement car on way | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

## View Council Meetings

[Calendar - January 2026 :: Wolverhampton City Council](#)

## Fraud and Scam Awareness

[UK's Home for Reporting Cyber Crime & Fraud - Report Fraud](#)

[Booking Holidays & Travel Safely Online - Get Safe Online](#)

[Scams Advice | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

[I'm a scams expert and these are the scams that will be big in 2026 - Which?](#)

## Wolverhampton ASB Team

<https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/help-support/anti-social-behaviour/>

Thanks

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